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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1,

In the Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications, line 18, reads ... "This patent application is also a continuation-in-pan" should read -- This patent application is also a continuation-in-part --

Column 67,

In the Detailed Description of the Invention, lines 40-41, reads  
"nXeYpZ: nXt0eYpZeQp1 + nXtOeYpZeQp2+ nXtOeYpZeQp7... nXtleYpZeSp1 - nXtleYpZeSp2 - nXtleYpZeSp3 = 0"

should read (minus sign added to 5<sup>th</sup> term)

-- nXeYpZ: nXt0eYpZeQp1 + nXtOeYpZeQp2+ nXtOeYpZeQp7... - nXtleYpZeSp1 - nXtleYpZeSp2 - nXtleYpZeSp3 = 0 --

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Column 75,

In the claims, lines 26 - 27, reads "wherein formulating the LP problem comprises specifying a propagation-consistency constraint that solving" should read -- wherein formulating the LP problem comprises specifying a propagation-consistency constraint that that ensures that solving --

Column 78,

In the claims, lines 33-35, reads "The computer readable medium of claim 27, the formulated LP problem is an integer-linear-programming ("ILP") problem," should read -- The computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the formulated LP problem is an integer-linear-programming ("ILP") problem, --.

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